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Classified By: CDA Christopher Henzel for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) A/DCM met with MFA Legal Affairs Adviser Dr. Yusuf Abdulkarim on January 22 to discuss ratification of Bahrain's Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement (CSA) and follow up on a November request that the GOB consider signing an Additional Protocol (reftel). Dr. Yusuf expected the parliament to complete ratification of the CSA in February, explaining that it had cleared the lower house and all that remained was a vote in the upper house. (Note: Government proposals normally face little or no opposition in the appointed upper house.) He added that the Foreign Minister had instructed him to begin work on an Additional Protocol once the CSA was deposited with the IAEA.

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